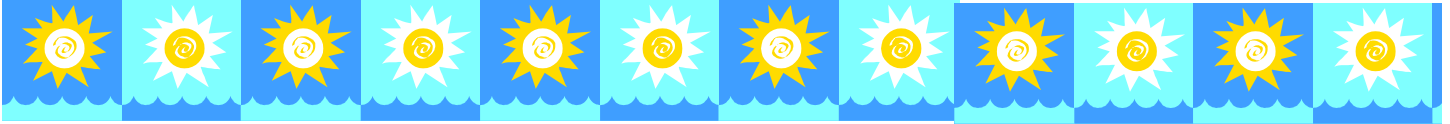




The Powhatan Signal

Powhatan Secondary Newsletter VOL. XXVX NO. 3 July 2013



Congratulations Graduates!!



Powhatan Secondary has so many wonderful 2013 graduates living in our community. We have residents who have been awarded their PhD, Medical, Masters, or Undergraduate College degrees. Some have succeeded in earning a trade school diploma or special skills certificate and license. We offer our congratulations!

To the High School graduates this is a most special time of the year. We are thinking of you and your accomplishments. The road ahead is a broad slate for you and we will love hearing of your future endeavors. We thank so many of you who have assisted in the various social and pool activities of Powhatan Secondary; you have helped to make them possible.

To our middle school and elementary school graduates, you are moving ahead and we are so proud of you, and will follow your accomplishments through the next few years. We hope that each of you will become involved in the activities of our community.

Congratulations to all the graduates of Powhatan Secondary on a job well done!

POOLSIDE NEWS

The pool is open and a great spot to be on these hot summer days. If you haven't taken the opportunity to join the fun, please see our website – www.powhatansecondary.org and click on the Pool tab at the top. Here you can find an application to join, and lots other great information. Hours are: Monday-Saturday 11:00am – 8:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm. Logan Evans is our Head Guard this season. We have several returning lifeguards; Stephen Erwin, Devan Freeland, Dan McKay-Roberts, Lauren Owens, Davis Wood and Ryan Satira. Several new lifeguards are also joining us this season; Molly Jacobs, Sanjay Das, Bailey Cristian and Tori Bennett. We have a great lifeguard staff. Please take a moment to check in with them on your way in the gate.

SEASTARS

The Powhatan Secondary SeaStars swim team season is off to a great start! We have 99 swimmers this year aged 4 to 18. They have been practicing daily and we had our first meet against Windsor Great Park Monday, June 17. The weather cleared up just in time for an excellent performance from our SeaStars. We had 6 triple winners, including, Caden Wright, Gracie Dry, Parker Dunn, Emmie Squire, Devan Freeland and Logan Evans, and a double winner, Parker Muench. There is one more home meet coming up on Mon, July 15. Come out and cheer on the team, or support them by attending some of the following "Spirit Nights". Just come enjoy some ice cream and a portion of the proceeds will be returned to the team!

Monday, July 8th at Rita's on Monticello by Big Lots from 8:00 - 10:00pm

Monday, July 22nd at Sno-to-Go on Richmond Rd across from Yankee Candle from 8:00 - 10:00pm

Powhatan Secondary Seastars
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Manager's Corner

Submitted by: CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

TRASH SERVICE

Please note that if you participate in the community trash program you can expect to receive the invoice for the second half of 2013 during the month of June. If you do not receive a billing statement please contact Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 ext. 212 for Talaya Spratley. She will be glad to send you an invoice or assist you with payment instructions. Your cooperation in this will avoid any interruption in service.

Remember if you are an absentee owner and you have your tenant participating in the trash program the invoice will still go to you as the owner of the property. PCSA will be glad to accept payment from your tenant on your behalf if your tenant needs help in submitting payment. Please check with your tenant to make sure everyone is clear on how payment arrangements should be handled.

County Waste has also asked PCSA to remind residents to make sure that on collection days that you place your toter at least three to five feet away from any obstruction. We have experienced some residents not receiving service because the automated truck did not have enough room to service the toter.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

Just a few weeks ago PCSA residents experienced very heavy rainfall that actually flooded streets in areas that had not been flooded before. This was due primarily to an unusually heavy rainfall in a very short period of time and the drainage system throughout the community was seriously tested. There are a couple of areas that the Association is working with VDOT to correct or modify to help alleviate future problems as far as the main roadways are concerned. One thing that was readily apparent during post storm inspections was that many homeowners may not be aware of the importance of keeping the drainage system on their property open and free-flowing. In a number of cases the planned drainage pattern was altered by obstructions, such as landscape timbers, rocks, landscape improvements, etc. that had been placed in the designed drainage culvert.

Please be aware of the importance of keeping these drainages clear, especially those areas that flow across the front of a lot or a row of lots. Property owners should be aware of any planned drainage for their lot and make sure that it is kept open through regular inspections and maintenance. A little prevention can save a lot of headache and expense later. If you are not sure about the drainage for your lot you can always consult the James City County website or contact the JCC Storm Water Division for assistance.

Communications Committee

Submitted by: Phil Plante

The communications committee had a relatively quiet couple of months. So I would like my space in this issue to publicly thank the committee members who give their time to keep things running smoothly.

Four times a year Mary Griffith puts out a great issue of the Powhatan Signal. Not only does Mary handle the editing and layout, but she also sells advertising, and takes care of the printing and mailing of each issue.

Last summer Dave Banks volunteered to help out with the website, and was immediately asked to take on the role of webmaster. Thank goodness he accepted. Since then he has rebuilt and organized the entire site, and stays busy keeping everything up to date.

And last but not least, Louise Pearson heads up our welcoming sub-committee. Each time a new resident moves in, Louise puts together a welcome packet to be delivered by a member of the neighborhood watch. Unofficially, Louise functions as the catalyst to keep the rest of us on our toes.

So thanks to Mary, Dave, and Louise. Your hard work is appreciated. Oh, and lest I forget, thanks this month to Jim Moody too, who gave our neighborhood bulletin boards a fresh coat of paint.

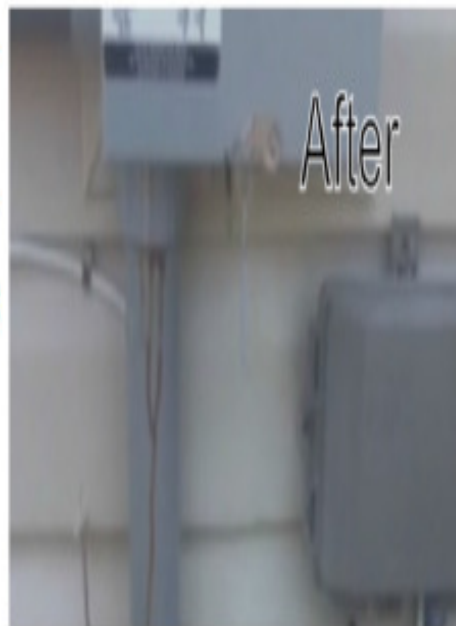




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Board Meeting Overview

Submitted by Jim West, President

The PCSA Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the PCSA Clubhouse.

Board members in attendance were: Jim West, Jeff Long, John Wells, Diane Joyner and John Chapman.

The meeting began with the approval of the March 2013 minutes. Next, committee reports were presented by their respective representatives.

ALPB: Doug McKenzie reported that several items were approved at the last committee meeting, and that the Board might expect a hearing to take place at the next BOD meeting in July.

SOCIAL: Jodi Thamman reported that she still is seeking volunteers for this committee. There is high demand for activities but low volunteerism. She is looking for volunteers to take one social activity and manage it. She is willing to help coordinate it, but cannot continue to do all the work herself. She also reported that the Easter Egg Hunt in April was a success.

POOL/SWIMTEAM: Melissa Dickinson and Eric Dawnkaski were unavailable for this meeting. In their written report, they advised that they were gearing up for the swim season with the pool opening on Memorial Day weekend.

CLUBHOUSE: Louise Pearson was unavailable for the meeting but advised in her written report that the clubhouse was very busy with many organizations/members using the facility. They have sent off a couple of chairs to be reupholstered, the building has been pressure washed, picnic tables have been painted, the entire clubhouse was cleaned from top to bottom, and the carpets are due to be replaced in the fall of this year. A special request was made to keep an eye on the playground and pool areas now that school is coming to a close. In the past, there has been vandalism to these areas. Teens should not be using the playground equipment, as it is designed for younger children. If anyone sees youth loitering in this area, the James City County Police should be called.

GROUND: Alan Burkhardt presented the committee report in great detail. Much work has been done on the trails, the stacked block dam and the gravel paths on both sides of the dam. There is additional work that needs to take place on the trails, but the committee has worked diligently to make the trails

useable for all members. Alan reported on the progress of Tim Felbinger's Eagle Scout project; a bridge over a boggy area of the trail near Monticello Avenue and the rerouting of the trail away from another boggy area. The Grounds Committee and Board of Directors are appreciative of the work Tim and his fellow Scouts accomplished.

POOL STUDY: Glenda Turner has resigned her position with the Board of Directors. Jeff Long has agreed to Chair this adhoc committee. This adhoc committee was formed to study the sustainability of the pool. It was brought to the Board's attention in 2012 that there was a concern over a decrease in membership. An adhoc committee was formed. Additional members of the community are needed for this committee. If anyone is interested, he/she should contact Jeff Long.

The **Manager's Report** was presented by CJ Jones. The following projects and their respective progress were discussed:

Stacked Block Dam – Railings – COMPLETED
Colonies Trail – Bridges- COMPLETED
Powhatan Parkway Sidewalk – Buckling/Erosion – ENGINEERING COMPANY PROVIDED REPORT – (CJ was asked to go back to the engineering company and advise them that more was expected. The final report was not to the satisfaction of the BOD.)
Cluster Way – Repaving – COMPLETED
Clubhouse – General Maintenance – COMPLETED
Culverts in Berkeley Section –Clearing– COMPLETED
Church Property – Orange Fencing – COMPLETED/
ONGOING

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by CJ Jones as well. The report will be included in the May 2013 minutes which will post to the website when approved at July's meeting. There were no significant variances from budget.

Old Business was discussed to include the governing documents rewrite. The law office of LeClair Ryan has been working on this and is awaiting a report from the title company before presenting the first rough draft to the Board of Directors.

The property management contract is expiring this year, and Request for Proposals (RFP) need to be sent. Louise Pearson and Jim West are working on updating previous RFPs, and will get these out to property management companies. The top few will be selected for interviews. Once interviews are completed, a recommendation will be made to the Board at the September meeting.

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The PCSA Annual Picnic has been set for August 18th with a rain date of August 25th. The catering company has been contacted and is available for these dates. Melissa Dickinson has been contacted as well. The pool will be available.

The Board of Directors has assigned Directors to be liaisons to the various committees. Each committee has been notified as to which director is assigned.

The purchase of a digital recording device and software has been purchased for the PCSA Secretary's use. This should help to make the recording of minutes more efficient.

The only **New Business** on the agenda was to discuss the appointment of a new director to fill Glenda Turner's vacancy. Each director was asked to come to the next meeting with names/bios of qualified candidates for discussion and appointment.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the PCSA Clubhouse.

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Common Area Grounds Committee (CAGC)

Submitted by: Alan Burkhardt, Grounds
Committee Chair

This spring saw a number of activities designed to make our great trail system even better for everyone. Thanks go out to Tim Felbinger and the Boy Scout Troop 103, chartered by Williamsburg United Methodist Church for their work on the Powhatan Woods Trail. Tim and the scouts built a 24 foot long and 8 foot wide wood bridge to span a particularly boggy area in this trail and relocated the trail slightly in two spots to avoid similar wet spots.



Tim Felbinger with his father Mike on the new
bridge



Scouts hard at work building the bridge over mud.



In addition to this bridge, CJ Jones, our property manager from Berkeley Realty, arranged work to improve the grading leading to the bridges in the Colonies trail and relocated one bridge in this trail to avoid a boggy area. He also arranged the repair of the sagging rail on the Stacked Block Dam as well as some grading repairs on that section of the trail. Our landscaping vendor, Valley Crest, has done a great job trimming the brush away from our trails, allowing us to walk the trails with having to push through bushes and tree limbs. All of this has made the Colonies Trail and the other trails a more enjoyable and less muddy experience.

Spring also saw the completion of one major project, the repaving of the crumbling Cluster Way road and the beginning of a second major project, repairing the buckling sidewalk along Powhatan Parkway.

Looking ahead, the CAGC and CJ Jones will work on fixing boggy areas in the Berkeley Loop trail, treating the trails and clubhouse areas to prevent poison ivy growing there, replacing a broken bridge along News Road in the Colonies Trail, and putting trail markers in place along the trails.

Protect Our Commons Areas

The common area land behind many of our houses provides us with opportunities for great walks through the woods on our trails. To keep these areas attractive for all residents, dumping of any materials (including lawn debris, Christmas trees, etc.) in the common land behind houses is not allowed. Discarding cups, cans or other trash along the trails is also not allowed. Much of this land falls into the county's Resource Protection Areas program and the county has strict regulations about disturbing these areas. Finally, building structures in the common areas such shelters, temporary or permanent, is likewise not allowed. Let's keep these areas in a clean, natural state for everyone's enjoyment.

Common Area Grounds Committee Trail Walks

The CAGC has begun a monthly program of trail walks, in which we do minor maintenance of the trails (picking up trash, making sure the trail is clear) and making notes of potential improvements or repairs. In April, we worked on the Colonies Trail.

These walks take place at 8 am on the last Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us on these walks. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about the trails while helping keep the trails attractive for everyone. The only commitment from you is for 1 – 2 hours on that day. If you are interested, contact Alan Burkhardt at PCSAgrounds@msn.com for information on where to meet.

Powhatan Secondary Concerns & Who to Contact

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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Clubhouse & Multi-Use Bldg Reservations	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [CJ Jones, Tel: 229-6810]
<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
Dues/monies owed to Cromwell Ridge Condo Assn	<i>Community Group</i> [Gina Combs, Tel: 873-1800, x-306]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Place HOA	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Ed Robbins Tel: 229-6810]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Village HOA and Waterford HOA	<i>Chesapeake Bay Management, Inc.</i> , [Megan Getkin, Tel: 757-706-3019]
Architectural control and covenant enforcement for all areas <u>except</u> the four sub-associations (as noted above)	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [CJ Jones, Tel: 229-6810]
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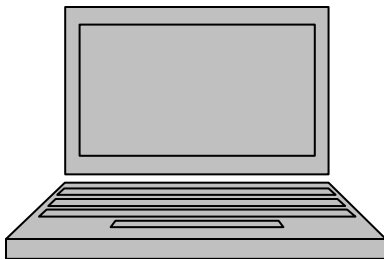
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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
July 16, 2013

*Any PCSA member may attend. Meetings are held at
the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.



*Powhatan Community Services Association
Post Office Box 5004
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PCSA Annual Family Picnic

The PCSA Annual Picnic has been set for August 18th with a rain date of August 25th.
The pool will be available to all residents that day.

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